



**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
ASSESSING OFFICERS**

**Executive Committee Meeting  
October 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Maine Revenue Services, Augusta, Maine – Room 135**

**MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members in attendance:**

President Kerry Leichtman	Director Darryl McKenney	Julie Ethridge, Director
Secretary Clint Swett	Director Martine Painchaud	Director Kyle Avila
Vice President Judy Mathiau	Past-President Wade Rainey	Matthew Sturgis, Treasurer

Also present were Nichole Philbrick and Jeff Kendall of MRS as well as Caitlin Anderson, Assistant Assessor from Camden/Rockport.

**Members absent:** Matthew Sturgis and Darryl McKenney

The meeting opened at 9:05 a.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Kyle moved to accept the 9/15/17 minutes as written, seconded by Judy, all in favor as **motion passed** 7-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Matt presented the treasurer's report, below were figures from last month.

Checking Balance	= \$ 3,971.30
Savings Balance	= \$ 6,610.72

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education** – Kyle reported the MMA convention went very well with good presentations and interaction with visitors to the booth. Suggested that we possibly create a course developed for assessors and tax collectors/managers to share basic information about assessing info. Perhaps have MMA assist with this topic.

The annual meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> and the courses/speakers are set. Jeff Kendall will speak about advanced CMA certification. Affordable Housing will also be discussed at the convention. There is a document hosted on the MRS website document about affordable housing, Judy will mention the link in the newsletter to guide traffic towards it.

Typical agenda will be created by the secretary.... Gift cards will be available, two for the speakers, two raffles and two free meeting certificates will be given away. Gerry Daigle's lifetime plaque will also be presented.

**Legislation** – Kerry going to a meeting with MRS, Kate DuFour, Ben Birch, Brent Martin, Brenda Cummings, Bill Van Tiunen, John Block, Joe Mosier, Eric Wright, representative from the Governor's Office and the head of MRS concerning LD1479 which guts the 706, changes nature of state board and miscellaneous other issues. The Assessors were able to get this bad bill out of committee. The scheduled 4 hour meeting should prove to be interesting, stand by. It is important that we Assessors are legislatively aware of bills affecting our industry.

**Membership** – Julie stated there were 54 paid members in January, currently we have 121 paid.

**Audit** – Martine, Cathy, Matt will meet next Friday, Oct 27th for the audit.

**Nominating** – Wade, 2018 nominations were presented with newcomer Karen Scammon from Auburn and Phil Drew from Bangor joining the board. Matt moved to accept the nominations, seconded by Judy, all in favor, **motion passed**.

<b>President</b>	Judy Mathiau	<b>Vice President</b>	Kyle Avila
<b>Vice President</b>	Kyle Avila	<b>Treasurer</b>	Matthew Sturgis
<b>Secretary</b>	Julie Romano Ethridge	<b>Past President</b>	Kerry Leichtman
<b>Director (EXP 2018)</b>	Clinton Swett	<b>Director (EXP 2019)</b>	Darryl McKenney
<b>Director (EXP 2018)</b>	Karen Scammon	<b>Director (EXP 2019)</b>	Phil Drew

**Newsletter** – Judy deadline by the end of next week, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> and distributed by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November. Annual meeting and miscellaneous items will be included.

**History** – Wade indicated the history display went very well, positively received.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Winter Meeting Planning** – Kyle said we are going to Lewiston HS, Matt will confirm the booking....February 16<sup>th</sup> tentative date, topic ideas? Green homes in Maine article (discusses values), recent law case reviews, public relations, personal property, interoffice coordination, for example. Kerry, Chris Glass architecture of old homes was a great presentation.

**Property Tax Institute (PTI)** – Jeff Kendall said the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May may work, they are checking with Sunday River. Currently looking for topics. The Marshall & Swift Estimator presentation may attend, this would be a two day course. ME chapter will also have speakers as well, coordinate with MRS. A limited number of people due to changes at Sunday River, stand by. “S’mores” meeting was very well attended and participated with the certification of assessors, perhaps do something similar this year as well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**PHOTOS** from your town as a contest.....possible creation of calendar; place important dates on them. Judy will check out the costs associated with creating. Work towards 2019 calendar year.

**VISION CONFERENCE** vision 8 is a good product, per Kerry. Price was reduced and spread over 4 years. They would host the data as an option. New GIS module in 8 is very powerful. Vision is expanding into other municipal modules, motor vehicles, finance, no more bridges (in the future possibly).

**MMA DISPLAY** – getting together to plan the new display, new backplash of exhibit displays. Multiple places do this. Get together with the other board to come up with a design. Look forward to this in January meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> at Wishcamper Center.

**Motion to adjourn** – Martine moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Clint, all in favor, **motion passed** and meeting adjourned.

***Respectfully Submitted By Clinton Swett, Secretary***